

## SPECT HOMES GET RATING ON WATER RENT

Every Residence to be Visited in Survey to be Put Under Way in New Future.

Commissioner John A. Murrin, in charge of the waterworks department, announced today that inspectors are to be sent over the entire city, possibly within the next few weeks, in order to obtain information for rating charges made for city water service.

It was thought at first that the work could be taken up by May 1, but on account of the difficulty of obtaining inspectors and for other reasons the work will be delayed some time.

The present city water is not to be raised, but data is to be obtained whereby citizens can be charged for the actual service being given.

The city is rated every 10 years for this purpose. Citizens who have water meters in their homes are not affected, but those who have not will be asked to allow inspectors to enter their homes in view of obtaining the number of fixtures in use and to get other data relative to the situation.

The city charges \$5 a year for a five room house, \$1 extra being charged for each additional room.

Fixtures in bathrooms of a five room house add \$5 more per year on the water rent and \$1 additional is added for each additional room.

Where there is no bathroom with wash bowl and other fixtures, but a bath tub installed somewhere in the home, a charge of \$3 per year is made for the bath tub connection.

Water for tanks in closets costs the householder \$2 per year, when

separate from full bathroom equipment.

Silcock, furnishing water outside the house, cost \$3 per year. Water meters on washing machines or for other use cost \$3 per year.

Persons having draft horses must pay \$1 per year and persons having carriage horses must pay \$2 each per year. The difference in the charge is based on the contention that draft horses are away from the premises much of the time and drink mostly from fountains about the city.

On the other hand, it is claimed by the waterworks department that carriage horses spend most of the time at the home barn, and therefore, drink more water than a draft horse from the home water service connections than a draft horse.

Pay on Automobiles.

There is only one new item added to the cards that are to be used in making the new ratings. The city purposes to charge \$3 per year for garage water service for each car kept. Water for washing the machines and for radiators is

claimed to be used in such quantities that a charge must be made.

System involved. It is the plan of the city to employ mostly women to make the inspections. Homes on which bathrooms have been built, other extra rooms, extra water service connections made and fixtures added will be assessed more water rent under the same flat rate as now in effect. The surveys are made every 10 years in order that services might be brought up to date and the city get paid for services actually rendered. It is estimated that there are 7,000 customers and that 3,000 of these have had water meters installed and pay for the water actually used.

Miss-Opportunities. It is claimed that persons having meters are more saving with the water and that their bills are less than those who pay on the flat rate. The meters are furnished free by the city, but many persons refuse to have them installed, believing that the charge on water service will be made higher therefore, it is claimed.

However, this has never proved

the case, according to the waterworks department, and those who refuse to have meters installed are only working against their own interests.

As time goes by more people are becoming convinced of this, it was said, and now the average installation of meters has reached 75 new meters each month.

The interest of the city in the case is that while more money is obtained under the flat rate, more water is saved under the meter rate, and as purifying water costs money, the city keeps even—the property holders being the only winners through the installation of meters.

It was pointed out that a large number of new customers have been obtained in the last 12 months and that due to the installation of meters and the saving practiced by the property holders for this reason, no more water is pumped now by the city than before the new customers were put on, and by this the city makes up for the loss of rents received on the flat rate basis.

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One style with leather collar, reveré cuffs and belt, priced at \$35.00.

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### Women's and Misses' Tan Cravenette Coats \$18.95, \$22.50, \$25.00, \$27.50, \$32.50, \$35.00, \$37.50.

Buttons of self material and bone buttons, full back, others belted, three-quarter and full length.

### Capes for Stormy Weather.

Women's transparent oiled silk capes in navy, made full, to be worn over a suit, large smoked pearl buttons. Priced each \$2.50. Women's rubberized satin capes in silver gray, very rich in appearance, large pearl button trim, each \$49.50.

### Women's and Misses' Oiled Silk Coats, Priced \$32.50 and \$35.00.

Light and cool raincoats of transparent oiled silk in Nile green, gold, Copen, navy and brown. All are belted.

### Women's and Misses' Rubberized Silk Coats, Priced \$22.50 to \$59.50.

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The Associated Simmons Hardware Companies own practically the entire capital stocks (except directors' shares) of the Simmons Hardware Company, St. Louis, and of other affiliated companies, including distributing corporations located in New York, Philadelphia, Toledo, Minneapolis, Sioux City and Wichita. These stocks will be deposited with the Trustee as collateral security for these notes.

The business is the largest and most extensive of its kind in the world. The net worth has been increased since incorporation of the Simmons Hardware Company in 1874 from \$200,000 to over \$14,000,000 entirely from earnings.

For forty-five years annual dividends from the earnings of current years have been paid without interruption.

Total assets, after deducting all indebtedness except this note issue, are \$22,236,733, or nearly three times the amount of the issue. Net working capital is \$17,789,019, or 2.37 times this note issue.

Valuable intangible assets, including "Keen Kutter" and other trademarks and good will are carried on the balance sheet at \$1.00.

Quick assets of 1½ times this note issue and all current obligations shall be maintained. Real estate mortgages of companies wholly controlled aggregate but \$154,000, and no new mortgages may be created by such companies, except with the consent of the Trustees under the Trust Indenture, and then only to the extent of 75% of the improvements.

Earnings in 1919 before interest charges, but after Federal taxes were \$2,124,229, and for the last five years have averaged \$2,179,275, or four times interest charges on these notes.

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